

# City and Town

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## Governor Patrick Announces Early Retirement Proposal & Pension Funding Relief Initiative

Please click here for summaries of the [Municipal Early Retirement Proposal](#) and the [Local Pension Funding Relief Initiative](#).

## Vendor Takes Licking in Road Salt Procurement Case

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The [U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit](#) ruled against a company which supplied road salt to the [City of Boston](#) in the winter of 2004-2005 and then disputed with the City over the amount owed for the deliveries. The decision is [International Salt Company, LLC v. City of Boston, \(1st Circuit, Mass., December 18, 2009\)](#).

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## City and Town turns a (web) page

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blog post or by visiting the City and Town webpage listed above. If you visit City and Town's webpage simply click on an individual article and print as you would any regular word document.

S.J. Port  
Editor

## Mark Your Calendar

**The Municipal Affairs Coordinating Cabinet**, chaired by Lt. Governor Tim Murray, will hold its 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> in Beverly Town Hall from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information please call 617-626-2377.

### **Assessment Administration: Law, Procedures and Valuations (Course 101)**

The basic assessors training course, *Assessment Administration: Law, Procedures and Valuation (Course 101)*, will be held at our Boston Headquarters this spring, on March 25, April 1 and April 8 and run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. More information regarding registration will be available next week.

**New Officials Finance Forum** will be held on Wednesday, June 2nd at the Hogan Center at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester.

## Municipal Calendar

**January 31:** DESE: Notify Communities/Districts of Estimated Net School Spending Requirements for the Next Year. As soon as the Governor releases the ensuing year's budget, DESE notifies communities/districts of the estimated NSS requirements. These figures are subject to change based on the final approved state budget.

**February 1:** Taxpayer: Deadline for Payment of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Tax Bill Without Interest. According to M.G.L. Ch. 59, Sec 57C, this is the deadline for receipt of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter actual tax payment without interest, unless the actual tax bills were mailed after December 31. If mailed after December 31, the actual tax is due as a single installment on May 1, or 30 days after the bills were mailed, whichever is later.

**February 15:** Treasurer: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Reconciliation of Cash.

**February 28:** Finance Committee: Continue Budget Review and Develop Recommendations. This date will vary depending on dates of town meeting.



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